



October 6, 2021

To the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Redistricting in the County of Los Angeles was a key topic of discussion at the September 29 meeting of the Association of Rural Town Councils.<sup>1</sup> A particular concern that was raised by member councils was that, under the current district configuration, all high desert communities are located in one supervisory district (the 5<sup>th</sup> District) which itself spans more than half of the entire County; the other four supervisory districts are much smaller in size and encompass predominantly urban and suburban areas. As a result, four of the five County Supervisors have no understanding of the circumstances and challenges faced by high desert communities in general, and rural communities in particular. It was pointed out that, when the 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor presents the board with issues that are of critical importance to high desert rural communities, these issues are often downplayed and even dismissed as trivial or irrelevant by the other four Supervisors. In other words, it is a constant struggle for the 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor to advance the interests of high desert rural communities. It became clear in the discussion that several rural representatives are frustrated with the current Supervisory District configuration because it concentrates the interests of high desert rural communities into a single Supervisory District and thus marginalizes these interests in the political process.

Given this situation, it is respectfully requested that the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission engage with the rural communities of North Los Angeles County to address these concerns in the redistricting process. You can reach the Association of Rural Town Councils at [ourartc@gmail.com](mailto:ourartc@gmail.com) and you can reach the Acton Town Council at [atc@actontowncouncil.org](mailto:atc@actontowncouncil.org).

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> The Association of Rural Town Councils ("ARTC") is an alliance of rural unincorporated communities in North Los Angeles County; collectively, it represents the interests of rural communities in the high desert portions of the County which occupy approximately one-half of the entire area of Los Angeles County. The rural town councils that comprise the ARTC are all located in the County's 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisory District.